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Date: Tue, 1 Feb 1994 19:44:55 GMT

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europa.eng.gtefsd.com!library.ucla.edu!news.ucdavis.edu!chip.ucdavis.edu!
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Date: Tue, 1 Feb 1994 22:32:28 GMT
From: library.ucla.edu!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!howland.reston.ans.net!
sol.ctr.columbia.edu!news.kei.com!world!cravitz@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: ARRL's Lifetime Amateur licenses
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <1994Jan31.231456.7968@es.dupont.com>,
Thomas Collins WI3P <collinst@esvx19.es.dupont.com> wrote:
>
> I'll just say that anyone with half a brain can *memorize* the
> group of questions today and in just a few sittings have any class

Hmm...so you're saying that for, say, a No-code Tech license, ALL a person has to do is memorize ~700 questions? I have considerably more than half a brain (IMNSHO) and I think it is easier to learn the material than to memorize 700 questions.

/Matthew N9VWG

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Matthew Cravitz, N9VWG | All opinions expressed here are
Michigan State University | my own. I don't speak for The World,
East Lansing, MI 48825 | and they don't speak for me (luckily
E-Mail: cravitz@world.std.com | for both of us).

Date: Mon, 31 Jan 94 07:21:06 EST
From: caen!malgudi.oar.net!wariat.org!mystis!dan@uunet.uu.net
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collinst@world.std.com (Thomas Collins) writes:

> : to get into the hobby.
>
> As a *mind reader* your a bust. No job with the
> Psychic Network.... 8-)
>
> I'm in favor of both Code and *Tougher* written tests,
> (not by VE's but the old fashion way in front of the
> FCC.) Unlike others here who want to include the
> license application with the Transceivers like they
> use to do with CBs.

Damn funny how this stuff NEVER gets to MY feed. Guess it is just over active imaginations.

(Over exposure to Manually Encrypted-Decrypted Morse Signals must cause medical problems with visual acuity and memory retention of written, non beeping, text... 'Can we all say Drain Bramage!')

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Date: Mon, 31 Jan 94 15:30:52 GMT
From: mnemosyne.cs.du.edu!nyx10!rbartz@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Doing research project...need help
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Hello there. I'm doing a research project for my Communications Law & Ethics class, and I need a little help here. I remember a few years ago, three guys decided to start their own radio station on a boat about 5 miles outside New York City on the Atlantic Ocean. Now, they were in international waters, but the FCC decided they couldn't operate. If anyone has any information regarding this case, decisions, citations, or anything I would appreciate it. Thanks.

Bob

Date: Fri, 28 Jan 1994 16:06:34 GMT
From: spsgate!mogate!newsgate!news@uunet.uu.net
Subject: FCC Preemption ruling
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <CKAZo9.B32@cbnewsc.cb.att.com> k9jma@cbnewsc.cb.att.com
(edwin.m.schaefer) writes:

> ...
> The last thing we need is for police to begin to think of hams as
> argumentative, jailhouse lawyer types who give them trouble.
> ...

Wow, I sure hope they don't read this newsgroup, then.

73... Mark AA7TA

Date: Tue, 1 Feb 1994 19:38:45 GMT
From: mvb.saic.com!unogate!news.service.uci.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!
europa.eng.gtefsd.com!library.ucla.edu!news.ucdavis.edu!chip.ucdavis.edu!
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Jeff Herman (jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu) wrote:
: Hmm, testing for gun ownership might be a very good idea.
: Bullets do not travel nationally nor internationally like radio
: signals do, so I'm not sure what point you're trying to make.
Nor am I sure what point you are trying to make.

: There's many more cars on the road than motorcycles yet I had
: to be tested on motorcycle driving skills before I could
: get my motorcycle license. Should I go to the city hall and
: accuse them of hazing? With your illogical arguement I should.

If you are required to demonstrate motorcycle proficiency (the second
most popular form of personal transpotation after four wheeled vehicles)
in order to drive a car then yes you have every right to complain. Want
an automotive example which relates to the question at hand? No one is
required to take a driving test with a manual transmission. Yet
anybody with a drivers license may operate a car with a manual
transmission. The point of the driving skills test is to make sure you
know the basics of operating a vehicle in such a waay that you are not a
danger to yourself or society. The exact mode of transportation is left
for you to decide. Big car, little car, pick-em-up truck, Automatic or

manual tranny. Let's make sure that all amateurs understand how to run their stations so that they don't hurt themselves or others and then leave the little stuff, like what mode they want to use an individual decision. Morse code is just another encryption method. Voice, AX.25, ASCII, RTTY, AMTOR, etc. are other encryption methods. Why don't we give them all equal respect and require similar knowledge of each to get a license? Once you have your license YOU determine which mode you will use to operate your station.

Dan, (the other one :-))

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Subject: The 10-meter bands - No CW required?
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In article <CK4EFz.F07@news.hawaii.edu>,
Jeff Herman <jherman@uhunix.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu> wrote:
>In article <CK01sA.FHz@ra.nrl.navy.mil> drumhell@claudette.nrl.navy.mil (David
Drumheller) writes:
>>
>> I do agree that CW is a rather antique mode of communication. If you
>
>Webster's dictionary defines 'antique' as something that is more than
>100 years old (as per U.S. customs laws) so we've still got another 25
>years or so to go.

Webster weenie. Webster's II New Riverside Dictionary says:

antique adj. 1. Of ancient times. 2. Of or typical of an earlier period.
3. Old fashioned. --n. An object made in an earlier period. --v. -tiqued,
-tiquing. To give the appearance of an antique to.

CW is a mode from an earlier time period. It's also old fashioned.
It was also thought up a long time ago. Fits the commonly used definition

of "antique" just fine. If you're going to be a dictionary weenie, at least make sure you're not ignoring common usage.

Date: 1 Feb 1994 18:37:16 -0600
From: library.ucla.edu!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!howland.reston.ans.net!cs.utexas.edu!
swrinde!menudo.uh.edu!uuneo.NeoSoft.com!sugar.NeoSoft.COM!not-for-
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In article <2imlspINN9pi@abyss.west.sun.com>,
Dana Myers <myers@cypress.West.Sun.COM> wrote:

O> * This Extra supports the abolition of the 13 and 20 WPM tests *

Why?

Radiographers who are able to use a radiographic machine well are great assets to the health care facility in which they are employed.

--Dianne C. DeVos, "Basic Principles of Radiographic Exposure"

Date: Mon, 31 Jan 94 07:50:44 EST
From: pacbell.com!sgiblab!sdd.hp.com!saimiri.primate.wisc.edu!caen!malgudi.oar.net!wariat.org!mystis!dan@network.ucsd.edu
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jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu (Jeff Herman) writes:

> This is ridiculous. What is it about this generation of hams that they can't
> put forth a little effort to gain so much? Why were the hams of 10 or 20
> years ago so willing to learn the required fundamentals even though there
> were almost as many modes then as today? Hazing? Webster's defines 'haze' as
> 'to harass by exacting unnecessary or disagreeable work; to harass by banter
> ridicule, or criticism; to play abusive and humiliating tricks on by way of

> initiation'. The key words are 'work' and 'initiation', neither of which can
> be applied to the voluntary study and voluntary test-taking so as to
> voluntarily receive an amateur radio license; something which is certainly
> not necessary to sustain one's self.
>
> If you want something for nothing, i.e., access to HF/MF without having to
> do the necessary study, feel free to use either 11 or 1750 meters. But
> the other bands are reserved for those who had the ambition or self-drive
> or motivation to undertake the required course of study.
>
> ``What makes the moutaintop so exciting is the effort needed to climb to
> its peak.''
>
> As a postscript, one of my New Year's resolutions was to spend less time
> in this debate than previously; those of us who feel the code is a necessary
> part of the testing process, and feel that code characterizes the history
> of amateur radio will never changes the minds of our opponents. And neither
> will our opponents have any effect upon our beliefs. Rather, my efforts
> are now directed to the writing of letters to the ITU, the FCC, and to
> our lawmakers requesting that the code requirements be kept in place,
> and that a more stringent written test be included.
>
> Jeff NH6IL

Jeff, I am dissapointed. You can and HAVE done better defending the code requirement. However, I agree. I too will devode more time to the approiate channels to make the necessary changes to the rules. Amd make Amateur Radio again usefull to the nation and not just a few post card chasers (NO I do NOT mean YOU Jeff).

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References <CK9B8s.Cwv@cscsun.rmc.edu>, <CKALnI.K4o@murdoch.acc.Virginia.EDU>, <CKI4to.H7q@cscsun.rmc.edu>d.com
Subject : Re: Antenna Lawsuit

In article <CKI4to.H7q@cscsun.rmc.edu>, dtiller@cscsun.rmc.edu (Dave Tiller) writes:

> No No NO NO!!!! I fully understand how CC&R's work!!! I still say that
> by their very existence they are violating my rights to pursuit of happiness,

|> bearing arms, freedom of speech, etc.

Nobody forces you to purchase a house with CC&Rs. If you choose to do so, then you are, by your actions, voluntarily waiving those "rights" you claim are so dear to you. If they are so dear to you, don't buy the house.

Now, I do agree that disclosure is an important element - something that needs to be more readily addressed. Basically, I could have a 20 page contract with the words "and subject to other restrictions as are on file with the XXXX", which in of itself appears inculcous - unless you fully understand the implications.

CC&Rs are here to stay. Emphasis needs to be placed on full disclosure, not on whining about "lost rights".

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To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <CKI61B.HI4@cscsun.rmc.edu>, <PJg1gc2w165w@mystis.wariat.org>, <CKK9Ix.MK4@ucdavis.edu>n
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Guns don't fire without oxygen.

However does a gun establish authority, when it won't even fire?

-drt

|David R. Tucker KG2S drt@world.std.com|

| Adams: In the middle of the afternoon?? |

| Franklin: Not everyone is from Boston, John. |

| -"1776" |

Date: 31 Jan 1994 19:20:17 GMT

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vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!newsrelay.iastate.edu!news.iastate.edu!

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References <1994Jan26.235533.12729@radian.uucp>,
<patrick_tattro.8.7C558180@stortek.com>, <2icu16INN8el@abyss.West.Sun.COM>s
Subject : Re: Tech->General Upgrade Question

In article <2icu16INN8el@abyss.West.Sun.COM> myers@pongo.West.Sun.COM (Dana
Myers) writes:

>All you need is 5WPM and proof that your Technician license was
>issued before 1987.

I think you mean 13 wpm...

73, Will. NØRDV/AA

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Will Turner, NØRDV -----
wjturner@iastate.edu | "Are you going to have any professionalism, |
twp77@isuvax.iastate.edu | or am I going to have to beat it into you?" |
TURNERW@vaxld.ameslab.gov -----

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